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Ferndale Area
School District

FERNDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Board Room
January 30, 2007

I. A Special Board Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board was held on January 30, 2007 in the Board Room of the Elementary School, 100 Dartmouth Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania for the Specific Purpose of Notice and Resolution authorizing the May 15, 2007 Ballot Front-End Referendum. The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Banks at 7:05 a.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Notice was given that the Meeting of the Ferndale Area School Board conducted in the Board Room will be tape recorded and entry constitutes consent to the taping of any individual who comments.

III. Roll Call: Present: Ridley Banks, Sandra Chobany, Barbara Penna, Jeffrey Stewart, and Robert Vamos. Absent: Greg Blue, Gary Eisenhuth, Edward Jones, and Richard Lucas.

Others in attendance were Dr. Christine Oldham, John Kowal, Administrators; Susan Layton, Teacher; Christine Oldham, Recording Secretary.

IV. Hearing of Citizens/Ferndale Area Education Association

V. Committees Agenda

1. Board

None.

2. Buildings and Grounds

None.

3. Cafeteria

None.

4. Education

None.

5. Finance

F-24-01/07 Mrs. Chobany made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Penna, to approve a resolution authorizing the Board Secretary to proceed with advertising notice of the resolution authorizing the May 15, 2007 ballot question and the new income tax, as well as the information pertaining to the hearing on the resolution. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue, Eisenhuth, Jones, and Lucas. The motion carried.

Mr. Vamos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve F-25-01/07 and F-26-01/07. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

F-25-01/07 Approve a notice of intent to adopt the resolution authorizing the front-end referendum question and the resolution authorizing the Board to assess and levy the Act 1 income tax, along with information on the public hearing. Record vote for the motion: Banks, Chobany, Penna, Stewart, and Vamos. Against the motion: None. Abstained: None. Absent: Blue, Eisenhuth, Jones, and Lucas. The motion carried.

F-26-01/07 Approve a resolution authorizing the front-end referendum question as follows:

Do you favor the Ferndale Area School District imposing an additional .5% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the tax increase will be used to reduce taxes on qualified owner occupied residential properties and on qualified farm buildings by approximately $185.00. The current school district earned income and net profits tax rate is .5%, and the current combined municipal/school district rate is 1%. If approved, the new combined rate would be 1.5%.

6. Personnel

None.

7. Student Activities

None.

8. Workshops

None.

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Penna made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 a.m. All were in favor.